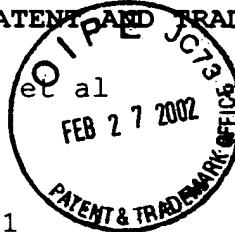


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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in order to add a priority claim not included in the first Preliminary Amendment submitted in the subject application. Accordingly, it is requested that the following amendment be added:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, after the title, insert a new paragraph as follows:

The present application is a continuation of co-pending PCT International Application No. PCT/GB00/02497, having an International filing date of June 26, 2000, and having a priority date of June 30, 1999 and entitled: CONTROL OF GENE EXPRESSION.